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1. Four tanks of a new type have been tested in a special testing field at Milovice and, after some modifications, have proved to be very effective. Production of the tank (for which no special name is yet known) has begun at the Skoda Works and the CKD (Ceskomoravska Kolben-Danek). The 1948 production program calls for 300 tanks, to be delivered to the Czechoslovak Army.

The following details have been determined:

- a. The tank is a combination of the Russian T 34 and the German Panzerjaeger.
- b. Weight: 30 tons; width: 2.6 m; length: 5 m; height 1.2 m.
- c. Fuel: naphtha, consumed at 50-60 liters/100 km. Three 200-liter fuel tanks provide a range of 500-600 km. Comment: Perhaps two-way travel over this distance is meant.)
- d. Average speed: 50 km; maximum speed: 75 km per hour.
- e. Engine: single 12-cylinder aircraft type, in rear, air cooled.
- f. Transmission: fully automatic, Wilson gear box type.
- g. Maximum climb grade: 82%.
- h. Armament: one 7.5 cm antitank gun, with 160-200 round magazine. The gun is mounted on a special round bod in the front plate, which is of special steel 60 mm thick. Other plates are of sheet iron 20 mm thick. The front plate slope is about 45 degrees. Maximum gun elevation is 60 degrees.
- i. Radio: two-way, unidentified type.
- j. Crew: four men (commander, radioman, gunner, driver)
- k. Belt joints: 400 mm wide.

2. The new tank is similar to the Panzerjaeger in its external appearance. Before it went into production, the CKD and the Skoda Works manufactured about 100 Panzerjaegers during 1946 and 1947. The Panzerjaegers were assembled at Slany,

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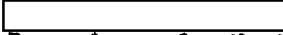
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where the repair shops are located, as well as in Hradec Kralove, where there is an underground assembly plant which was built during the German occupation.

4.  the designer of the new tank is Ing. Surin, who designed the Panzerjaeger for the Nazis. He is at present working at the CKD, where the four tanks mentioned in paragraph 1 were made.

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